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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

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☒ Documents A7, A11 and A12 were cited as being relevant in the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portions of the documents which were found to be relevant by the Examiner is attached.

☒ Documents A1, A2, A4, A6, A8, A10 and A14 were cited as prior art in the corresponding German Patent No. 103 52 932 A1 to which this application claims priority to.

☒ English language abstracts are submitted for documents A3 – A6, A9, A11 and A12. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609)

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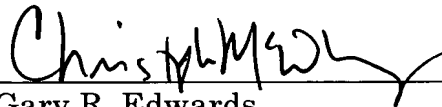
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	A6	EP	0 918 095	A1	ALUSUISSE TECHNOLOGY & MANAGEMENT AG	05-26-1999		
	A7	EP	1 138 794	A1	CORUS ALUMINIUM VOERDE GMBH et al.	10-04-2001		
	A8	EP	1 170 394	A2	ALCOA INC.	01-09-2002		
	A9	EP	1 229 141	A1	ALUMINIUM RHEINFELDEN GMBH	08-07-2002		
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	A11	JP	9-279280	A	THE FURUKAWA ELECTRIC CO., LTD.	10-28-1997		X

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